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**About the Original Teaching Company** Founded in 1982, The Original Teaching Company is Steve Bergen and Lynne Schalman. In training teachers, we pride ourselves first on being teachers first! From 75-80 Lynne and Steve were heads of the English and Math departments at Wooster School in Danbury CT. From 80-82, Steve was a programmer/consultant for The Williamson Group; from 87-94, Steve was the Computer Coordinator at Concord Academy MA. To date, they have traveled to over 100 schools for one day computer workshops and to over 35 schools (including Belgium) for five day on-site Summercore sessions. From 94-02, Steve was the Computer Coordinator at The Noble and Greenough School in Dedham MA. In 2002, Steve joined The Chapin School in Manhattan as CIO bringing what Head of School Sandra Theunick describes as the "finest in summer computer training" to the Upper East Side. In 2002-03 Lynne conducted onsite workshops and weekly PT sessions ("personal trainer") at Park School, Thayer Academy, and Nobles, except during New England Patriots games and Boston Celtics games. Lynne currently is Head of Academic Technology at the Chapin School. Steve currently is the CIO and computer teacher at The Children's Storefront in Harlem and has started a program called Tech Saturdays ([www.techsaturdays.org](http://www.techsaturdays.org)) to give away free computers to Harlem families. More recently, Steve began a billion penny drive ([www.billionpennyproject.org](http://www.billionpennyproject.org)) that was featured on CBS news in May 2009.

**Summercore** is our 5 day marathon workshop in computer usage and educational software for teachers and administrators. Every summer, we take Summercore on the road to several schools throughout the country. In the summer of 1997, one of our trips was to the Seven Hills School in Cincinnati. Not only did we get to taste Graeter's Ice Cream and Skyline Chili, but we got a glimpse of Larry Bird's childhood by taking a 24 hour vacation to French Lick, Indiana 3 hours away! What an amazing small town! The local hotel — The French Lick Springs Golf and Tennis Resort — is famous throughout Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. They had over 500 guests that weekend, but we might have been the only ones who were there to see Larry Bird's old house in French Lick and his new one in West Baden. Some of the local townspeople are still mad at him for "moving out of town." In 2007, we did the same thing, sadly leaving Massachusetts behind after 27 years there!



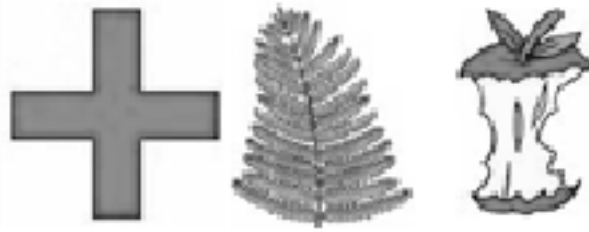
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What one summer computer workshop for teachers by teachers has been described over and over again (since 1985) as being the best of the best?

hint: visual clues on right!



### Advice from marathoners who made it!

**“Abandon your desire to control time, set yourself two or three goals, and prepare to think about the way you teach as much as you think about computers.”** Beth Montgomery, History Teacher, St. Ann’s School NY

**“Bring index cards or a notebook and do take notes ... do try to see what's in the manual ... do the practice disk ... ask questions and don't feel intimidated. Everyone has been where you were once if you are a beginner.”** Carol Swanson, First Grade Teacher, Elgin Academy IL

**“Dive in and drink coffee.”** Steve Scrimshaw, Cambridge School of Weston MA

**“Do not expect to conquer it all and be prepared to surrender your control of time for the week.”** Nancy Fortman, Computer Teacher, San Francisco Day Sch, CA

**“Do not worry about understanding or mastering everything in this smorgasbord of info for the week; it's impossible. This is a great opportunity to sample what's out there.”** Cindy Stan, Upper School Computer Coordinator, Greensboro Day School NC

**“Don't hold back! Ask questions, push buttons, compare notes with others and take advantage of every moment of free RAM time.”** Binney Miller, Math Teacher, Kent Place School NJ

**“Eat judiciously, exercise regularly, sleep soundly, save frequently.”** Emily Tucker, Computer Department Head/Math Teacher, Park School MA

**“Listen, listen, listen! Practice, practice, practice! Ask, ask, ask!”** Jeanette Dunklee, Head of Languages/French Teacher, Dana Hall MA

**“Make a list of what you want to get out of Summercore and then make sure everything gets checked off.”** Raymond Dubose, Head of Computer Science/Math Teacher, Blair Academy NJ

**“Make sure to get as much sleep as you can because—like they said—it really is a marathon ... and if you can hang in there, the victory is sweet.”** Jennifer Coté, Middle School Math Teacher, Hathaway Brown School OH

**“Make the most out of the 5 days by keeping an open mind. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Try to give yourself as much RAM time as possible.”** Leslie Gulbransen, Computer Coordinator, Buckley Country Day School NY

**“Two weeks before coming to Summercore, begin taking mega-doses of vitamins.”** Diane Ferrell, Reading & Eng Teacher, Hockaday School TX



As a math teacher, I know that the whole is the SUM of its parts. As the computer coordinator at Nobles and CIO at The Chapin School and now The Children's Storefront in Manhattan, I know the hole in technology is the one component (hardware, software, humanware) that money can't buy in one year. Humanware must be cultivated like a fine spice such as MYRRH. For over 20 years (1982-2008), Lynne Schalman and I have been trying to cultivate a CORE of enthusiastic and skillful computer-using teachers via

**SUM-MYRRH-CORE.**

# Some Summercore Songs for your Listening Pleasure

music on line at <http://www.summercore.com/music>

## The Meniscus Surgery Blues

(on the Web at <http://www.summercore.com/knee>)

**I've got the arthroscopic surgery, Gotta repair the meniscus blues**

**I've got the arthroscopic surgery, Gotta repair the meniscus blues**

My knee's no longer viscous, Haven't you heard the news?

Dr. Opperman put me under  
He's the chief, you probably know  
I never felt a bit of pain  
I was numb from head to toe

**I've got the arthroscopic surgery, Gotta repair the meniscus blues**

I used Dr. Elliot Hershman  
He's the Jets doctor, yes it's true  
But he even works on Patriots fans  
Red Sox fans and Jews.

**I've got the arthroscopic surgery, Gotta repair the meniscus blues**

I hope he did the left knee  
I put a label on the other one  
But if he made a mistake  
There's just nothing to be done

**I've got the arthroscopic surgery, Gotta repair the meniscus blues**

He should have worked on Brady  
It would have made so much sense  
Instead Tom went to California  
The mistake was so immense

**I've got the arthroscopic surgery  
Gotta repair the meniscus blues**

I'm gonna throw a discus, That's the first thing I will do  
Then I'll eat a triscuit, Maybe even 2  
Maybe I'll go to the flower store, And buy a hibiscus.  
I'm not sure, We'll see about my meniscus.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7305>

**Nothing, Nothing, Gotta Learn to Say Nothing**  
(on the Web at <http://www.summercore.com/music/nothing.html>)

**D G**

**Nothing, nothing**

**A D**

**You gotta learn to do nothing**

Not every e-mail demands a reply  
Sometimes it is best to just let it go by  
Not every problem needs to be fixed  
Sometimes the solution is to let it simmer and mix

Harold Schiff on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at  
7:59 AM wrote:

*"Hey Steve, this is great! You sound better  
than Bob Dylan and the lyrics too are better."*

CHORUS

You gotta learn to modulate energy and tone,  
As Bobby D once said everybody must atone  
Yes, being proactive is the Stephen Covey way  
But if you do it too much, you'll have a one dimensional day

CHORUS

You gotta learn to let others make mistakes  
Cause micro-managing gives most people the shakes  
Don't jump into the dialogue, Just let it swill  
Learn to do nothing, You gotta learn to chill

Emily Mendelsohn on Thursday, March 16,  
2006 at 10:21 AM wrote:

*"Dear Steve, Your song about doing nothing  
is my favorite of all your songs."*

CHORUS

You're not too old to learn something new  
Although this one may be the hardest thing to do  
Cause when you die, you'll do nothing and have no choice  
So the challenge is to now practice while you still have a voice

CHORUS

"Nothing is not necessarily anything" my father once said  
I never understood this but now he's dead  
But maybe he's doing nothing and looking down on me  
Warning me to avoid his mistakes as part of the family tree

CHORUS

**Alter, Alter Kaaker** (To the tune of *Davy, Davy Crockett*)  
(on the Web at <http://www.summercore.com/music/alter.html>)

Where's the morning coffee, George whines to me  
Down the long hallway as you'll see  
You've been coming to Mohonk for years and yet you needed me  
On the second day, I might be an employee

**Alter, Alter Kaaker, George and me sitting on the bench**

Born in the Bronx in 1951  
Moved back to NY to have some fun  
A few more years, we'll be in the Florida sun  
Early bird specials and movies at one

**Alter, Alter Kaaker, George and me sitting on the bench**

Getting too old to walk in these shoes  
Gotta get a life before there's one I'll lose  
Summercore's over, that's gonna be the news  
Turning 60 soon, I got the retirement blues

**Alter, Alter Kaaker, George and me sitting on the bench**

I wanna teach Kindergarten before I die  
If you know me at all, you don't have to ask why  
Gonna ask Ms. Scott if I can give it a try  
I wonder if she's gonna laugh or cry

**Alter, Alter Kaaker, George and me sitting on the bench**

Repeat the number twice and help me please  
Remembering digits used to be a total breeze  
Now even a phone number makes me shake in my knees  
My brain cells are melting faster than cheese

**Alter, Alter Kaaker, George and me sitting on the bench**

I used to be faster in body and mind  
Now when I walk, the only people I pass are the blind  
Swimming laps, I now stay in the slowest lane  
Short term memory? It's gone from my brain